(c) The Central Scheme for the Welfare of Street Children covers facilities for literacy, numeracy and life education and measures for mainstreaming them into the formal education system.

Modification in Adoption Laws

241. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : SHRI RAJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Times of India dated 6th October, 1993, captioned "Adoption gaining acceptance";

(b) if so, whether Government have taken note of the fact that despite a number of social and Government organisations being active in the field, the process of adoption of destitute children continue to be rather slow;

(c) the number of children, males and females, adopted by (i) foreigners, and (ii) Indians during 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 so far;

(d) whether there is any proposal under consideration for the modification in the law of adoption to make it more liberal and universal rather than restrictive, on communal lines, if so; the details there of?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) and (c) Due to the joint efforts of the Government and the non-govemmental organisations (NGOs) the process of adoption is gaining social acceptability. Consequently, the number of children being adopted is witnessing a gradual increased.

Year	Male	Female	Total
Children adopted by foreigeners			
1990	342	930	1272
1991	292	898	1190
1992	253	754	1007
1993 (upto June' 93)	135	398	533
Children adopted by Indians			
1990	613	462	1075
1991	484	452	936
1992	646	647	1293
1993 (upto June'93)	153	150	303

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

बाबा साहेब डा० भीमराव अम्बेडकर की प्रतिमा

242. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत रतन बाबा साहिब डॉ० भीमराव अम्बेडकर की स्मृति में प्रतिमा की स्थापना करने हेतु 26 अलीपुर रोड स्थित सम्पत्ति का अधिग्रहण करने से संबंधित मामले की स्थिति क्या है, और

(ख) इस संबंध में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं और इस संबंध में कब तक कार्य शुरु होने की सम्भावना है ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) और (ख) यह मामला सरकार के सक्रिय विचाराधीन है।

Construction of Old Age Home* in Delhi

243. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of old Age Homes constructed in Delhi and other parts of the country;